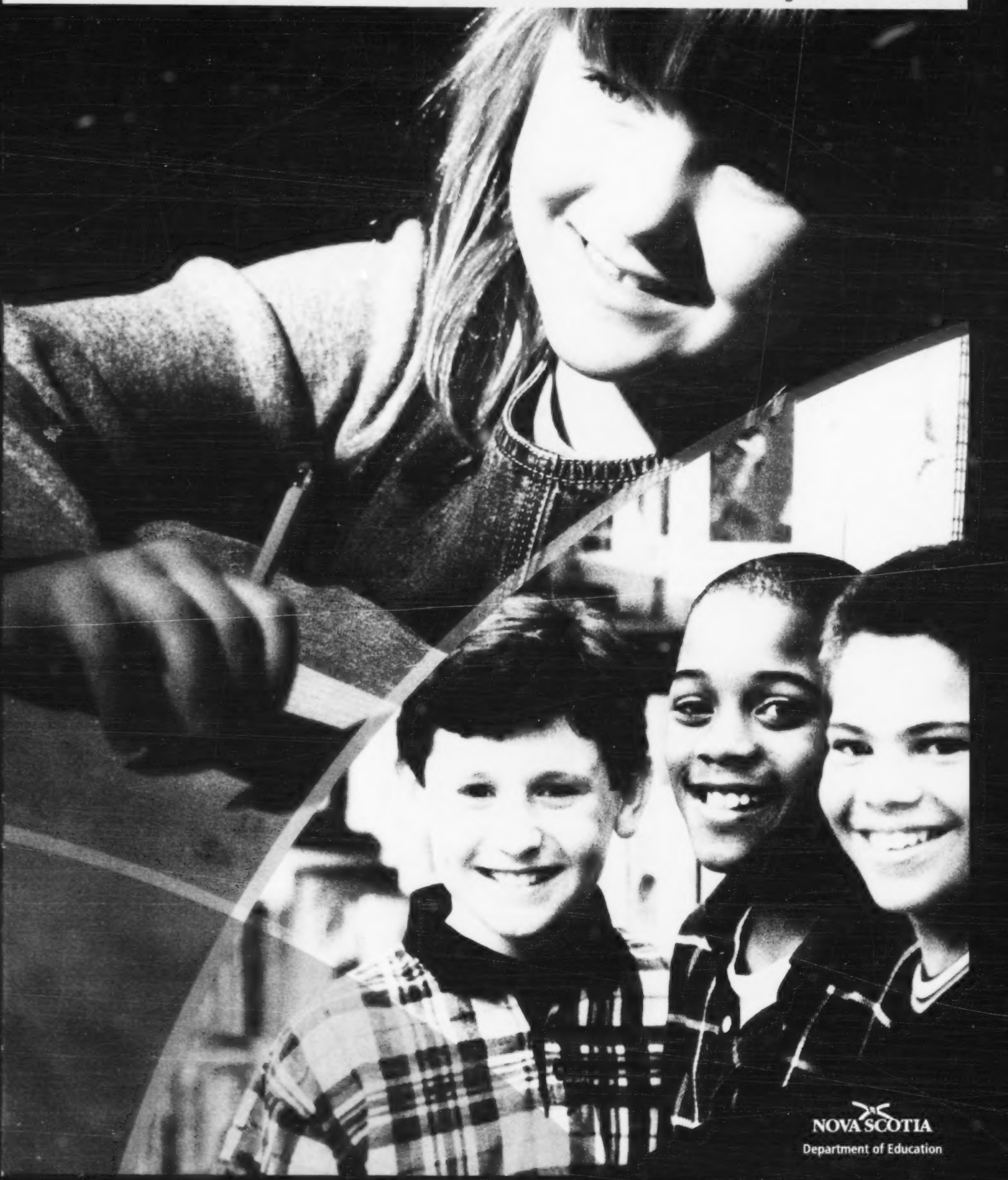
2003 Elementary Literacy Assessment • Schools Report

Halifax Regional School Board



NOVA SCOTIA
Department of Education

2003 Elementary Literacy Assessment Schools Report

Background

The Elementary Literacy Assessment is part of the province's Learning for Life plan to ensure young Nova Scotians have the literacy skills they need to succeed in school and in life. It was administered for the first time from October 14 to 17, 2003. During the assessment, students read a variety of materials, including a short story, information texts, a poem, and a visual media text, and answered questions based on those readings. Students were also required to write a letter suggesting a solution to a problem and write a story in response to a prompt. The charts on the following pages show student performance in terms of not meeting, meeting, or exceeding the expectations for reading and writing.

Helping All Students Succeed

The assessment allowed grade 6 students in Nova Scotia to demonstrate how well they have learned selected reading and writing outcomes of the elementary language arts curriculum. Its purpose is to provide information about individual students' reading and writing skills, so that students who are struggling can be given more support to help them catch up. The Department of Education plans to build on its program of monitoring and supporting student progress with another literacy assessment to be administered when these grade 6 students reach grade 9.

Working With Teachers

The assessment was developed by the department's Testing and Evaluation Division with the help of grade 6 teachers and was field-tested in schools across Nova Scotia. The performance levels required in order for students to meet expectations in reading and in writing were determined by teachers. The writing sections of the assessment were marked by a team of teachers under the direction of the Department of Education.

Sharing Responsibility

It should be remembered that while literacy skills are developed in the school, they are also developed in the home, in the community, and in other areas of life and are influenced by many factors. The results of the Elementary Literacy Assessment, therefore, should not be seen solely as a reflection of students' teachers or schools, nor should the results be used to rank or compare schools.

Halifax Regional School Board Schools Results

	Reading															Writing																	
	Number of Students			Overall (%)			Males (%)			Females (%)			French Immersion (%)			Overall (%)			Males (%)			Females (%)			French Immersion (%)			Letter-writing (%)			Story-writing (%)		
	Overall	Males	Females	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding	Not Meeting	Meeting	Exceeding
Nova Scotia	10486	5232	5254	10	78	12	12	78	11	9	78	13	4	76	20	19	40	42	24	44	32	13	35	52	13	35	52	37	8	55	34	10	56
Halifax Regional School Board	4145	2056	2089	9	77	14	10	77	13	8	78	15	3	79	19	18	38	44	23	43	33	13	33	54	13	33	55	36	7	57	33	9	58
Admiral Westphal Elementary School	17	10	7	6	82	12		90	10	14	71	14				12	47	41	10	50	40	14	43	43				35	6	59	41	6	53
Alderney School	19	6	13	16	79	5		83	17	23	77					21	47	32	33	50	17	15	46	38				37	5	58	42	16	42
Ash Lee Jefferson School	82	39	43	4	77	20	3	79	18	5	74	21				15	29	56	15	46	38	14	14	72				24	7	68	29	5	66
Astral Drive Elementary School	75	40	35	4	76	20	8	78	15		74	26				5	37	57	3	58	40	9	14	77				19	13	68	17	13	69
Atlantic View School	30	17	13	3	87	10		100		8	69	23				10	57	33	12	65	24	8	46	46				40	13	47	20	20	60
Basinview Drive Community School	69	32	37	3	78	19	3	84	13	3	73	24				7	43	49	13	47	41	3	41	57				33	6	61	16	10	74
Beaver Bank-Monarch Drive School	42	26	16	7	67	26	8	62	31	6	75	19				12	45	43	8	46	46	19	44	38				31	12	57	31	10	60
Beaverbank-Kinsac Elementary School	37	20	17		89	11		90	10		88	12				16	57	27	20	50	30	12	65	24				46	11	43	32	22	46
Bedford South School	54	25	29	6	74	20	12	68	20		79	21				6	35	59	8	52	40	3	21	76				30	2	69	13	11	76
Bel Ayr School	63	30	33	6	76	17	3	73	23	9	79	12				10	32	59	13	40	47	6	24	70				27	3	70	19	11	70
Bell Park Academic Centre	49	25	24	6	94		8	92		4	96					18	49	33	24	44	32	13	54	33				47	8	45	29	10	61
Bicentennial School	16	6	10	38	50	13	83	17		10	70	20				25	31	44	50	33	17	10	30	60				44		56	44	6	50
Brookhouse School	39	18	21	13	72	15	11	67	22	14	76	10				31	44	26	33	39	28	29	48	24				56	5	38	46	8	46
Brookside Junior High School	115	67	48	6	84	10	7	82	10	4	88	8				18	43	38	28	45	27	4	42	54				39	4	57	41	10	49
Burton Ettinger School	47	21	26	15	79	6	24	67	10	8	88	4		95	5	36	23	40	52	14	33	23	31	46	16	26	58	51	4	45	40		60
Caldwell Road Elementary School	78	39	39	3	81	17	5	77	18		85	15				12	28	60	15	36	49	8	21	72				19	1	79	26	6	68
Caudle Park Elementary School	40	16	24		88	13		88	13		88	13				5	18	78		31	69	8	8	83				15		85	10	3	88
Cavalier Drive Elementary/Junior High School	53	28	25	2	77	21	4	82	14		72	28				6	34	60	11	43	46		24	76				25	6	70	13	11	75
Central Spryfield School	36	19	17	22	75	3	21	79		24	71	6				39	44	17	47	47	5	29	41	29				69	6	25	58	14	28
Chebucto Heights Elementary School	39	18	21	5	79	15	6	83	11	5	76	19		67	33	13	51	36	11	72	17	14	33	52	8	25	67	44	5	51	23	21	56
Colby Village Elementary School	53	29	24	6	87	8	10	86	3		88	13				17	34	49	21	45	34	13	21	67				28	8	64	34	8	58
Colonel John Stuart Elementary School	35	17	18	14	74	11	24	59	18	6	89	6				23	49	29	29	65	6	17	33	50				51	6	43	37	6	57
Crichton Park School	56	31	25	2	79	20	3	74	23		84	16				7	30	63	6	32	61	8	28	64				21	7	71	14	13	73
Duc D'Anville Elementary School	60	34	26	15	77	8	15	76	9	15	77	8				22	43	35	32	38	29	8	50	42				43	12	45	38	8	53
Dutch Settlement Elementary School	24	10	14	25	71	4	30	60	10	21	79					33	29	38	40	20	40	29	36	36				46		54	38	21	42
East St. Margaret's Elementary School	13	9	4	8	85	8	11	89			75	25				31	54	15	44	44	11		75	25				54	8	38	77		23
Elizabeth Sutherland School	31	18	13	10	77	13		83	17	23	69	8				19	42	39	22	44	33	15	38	46				39	10	52	48	3	48
Fairview Heights School	52	22	30	17	77	6	23	77		13	77	10				23	35	42	23	50	27	23	23	53				35	8	58	38	10	52
George Bissett Elementary School	42	17	25	14	76	10	18	76	6	12	76	12				10	55	36	6	76	18	12	40	48				26	19	55	36	12	52
Gertrude M. Parker Elementary School	29	15	14	17	76	7	27	67	7	7	86	7				17	45	38	33	53	13		36	64				45	7	48	31	14	55
Gorsebrook Junior High School	45	14	31		80	20		93	7		74	26		81	19	4	36	60	7	71	21	3	19	77	5	35	60	22	9	69	13	7	80
Grosvenor-Wentworth Park Elementary School	47	26	21	2	85	13		92	8	5	76	19	6	69	25	13	36	51	19	27	54	5	48	48	19	38	44	28	6	66	28	6	66
Harbour View School	46	25	21	30	67	2	32	64	4	29	71					30	43	26	28	56	16	33	29	38				57	7	37	48	15	37
Harrietsfield Elementary School	26	13	13	12	81	8		92	8	23	69	8				31	35	35	31	38	31	31	31	38				46	8	46	46	15	38
Harry R. Hamilton Elementary School	67	30	37	9	78	13	10	73	17	8	81	11				18	46	36	30	40	30	8	51	41				42	10	48	40	9	51
Hawthorn School	29	9	20		83	17		100			75	25				17	34	48	44	33	22	5	35	60				31	3	66	38	3	59
Hillside Park Elementary School	47	22	25	13	81	6	18	73	9	8	88	4				19	51	30	18	55	27	20	48	32				45	6	49	40	11	49
Holland Road Elementary School	52	31	21	2	69	29	3	71	26		67	33				10	23	67	16	32	52		10	90				19	8	73	21		79
Humber Park Elementary School	56	25	31	14	79	7	8	92		19	68	13				25	43	32	40	48	12	13	39	48				45	13	43	46	4	50
Ian Forsyth Elementary School	57	29	28	5	81	14	7	76	17	4	86	11				12	35	53	17	34	48	7	36	57				19	5	75	32	11	58
Inglis Street School	37	17	20	8	78	14	12	76	12	5	80	15				11	35	54	18	41	41	5	30	65				30	14	57	16	11	73
John MacNeil School	29	14	15	21	76	3	21	79		20	73	7				31	41	28	36	50	14	27	33	40				48	7	45	48	10	41

Note:

- Schools with six or fewer grade 6 students are not included in this report.
- 'Numbers of Students' does not include students from the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial, students with English Language Arts Individualized Program Plans, students who were exempted, or students from whom there was insufficient evidence.
- French immersion students wrote the assessment in English.
- 'Exceeds expectations' is a designation given to reading scores above 90% and writing scores that meet expectations in all elements of writing in both writing tasks. This designation does not appear on individual student reports.
- Percentages in each section may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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John W. MacLeod-Fleming Tower School	54	32	22	6	70	24	3	75	22	9	64	27	73	27		28	33	39	22	47	31	36	14	50	27	18	55	41	13	46	43	9	48
Joseph Giles Elementary School	62	34	28	8	73	19	6	76	18	11	68	21				21	40	39	32	29	38	7	54	39				42	5	53	40	5	55
Joseph Howe School	13	3	10	31	69			100		40	60					46	54		100			30	70					62	23	15	69	8	23
Lakefront Consolidated Elementary School	10	5	5		90	10		80	20		100					30	70		20	80		40	60					70	10	20	50	10	40
Lakeview Consolidated School	65	29	36	3	91	6	3	86	10	3	94	3				25	40	35	34	45	21	17	36	47				51	3	46	42	8	51
LeMarchant-St. Thomas School	22	14	8		59	41		64	36		50	50				18	36	45	7	50	43	38	13	50				36		64	32	5	64
Madeline Symonds Middle School	130	71	59	6	77	17	6	79	15	7	75	19				7	45	48	13	51	37		39	61				28	14	58	25	8	67
Michael Wallace School	57	26	31	5	70	25	4	81	15	6	61	32				14	44	42	15	50	35	13	39	48				33	12	54	28	14	58
Millwood Elementary School	78	44	34	5	81	14	5	80	16	6	82	12				21	40	40	25	45	30	15	32	53				38	4	58	36	10	54
Mount Edward School	34	19	15	3	76	21	5	84	11		67	33				3	41	56	5	42	53		40	60				12	12	76	26	12	62
Musquodoboit Valley Education Centre	23	15	8	17	78	4	27	67	7		100					35	35	30	47	33	20	13	38	50				57	4	39	52	4	43
O'Connell Drive Elementary School	56	31	25	16	80	4	23	77		8	84	8				32	41	27	39	45	16	24	36	40				41	16	43	55	7	38
Oldfield Consolidated School	24	11	13	8	79	13	9	82	9	8	77	15				42	21	38	73	9	18	15	31	54				46	4	50	50	8	42
Oxford School	35	17	18		69	31		76	24		61	39				3	34	63	6	53	41		17	83				17	9	74	14	9	77
Park West School	51	29	22	16	67	18	24	55	21	5	82	14				14	37	49	21	52	28	5	18	77				31	8	61	27	8	65
Portland Estates Elementary School	57	32	25	5	89	5	6	88	6	4	92	4				12	37	51	16	41	44	8	32	60				23	9	68	23	14	63
Ridgecliff Middle School	151	57	94	8	81	11	11	77	12	6	84	10				19	41	40	23	51	26	17	35	48				36	11	53	35	7	58
Robert Jamison Elementary School	58	33	25	14	74	12	18	73	9	8	76	16				34	31	34	45	33	21	20	28	52				47	5	48	55	7	38
Robert K. Turner Elementary School	29	15	14	17	62	21	27	60	13	7	64	29				17	38	45	27	53	20	7	21	71				45		55	28	14	59
Rockingham School	49	22	27		82	18		91	9		74	26	79	21		18	29	53	18	41	41	19	19	63	13	33	54	33		67	31	4	65
Rockingstone Heights School	20	10	10	50	50		60	40		40	60					35	35	30	30	60	10	40	10	50				45	20	35	50	20	30
Ross Road School	58	24	34	33	59	9	38	58	4	29	59	12				34	31	34	33	42	25	35	24	41				52	3	45	47	14	40
Sackville Centennial Elementary School	29	17	12	10	76	14	12	71	18	8	83	8				17	41	41	29	29	41		58	42				34	3	62	38	7	55
Sackville Heights Elementary School	44	16	28	14	73	14	19	63	19	11	79	11				18	20	61	31	13	56	11	25	64				30	2	68	27	7	66
Saint Mary's School	13	8	5	8	92			100		20	80					23	31	46	25	38	38	20	20	60				38	8	54	31	8	62
Sambro Elementary School	18	8	10	11	83	6		100		20	70	10				6	61	33	13	88			40	60				22	28	50	17	33	50
Seaside Elementary School	179	83	96	12	78	10	14	78	7	9	78	13				27	35	37	41	35	24	16	35	49				42	7	51	42	8	50
Shannon Park School	66	33	33	5	82	14	3	82	15	6	82	12	4	80	16	17	35	48	24	27	48	9	42	48	12	32	56	36	3	61	26	8	67
Shatford Memorial Elementary School	7	1	6	14	57	29		100		17	50	33				14	57	29		100		17	50	33				71		29	14	14	71
Sheet Harbour Consolidated School	24	11	13	8	83	8	9	82	9	8	85	8				38	25	38	64	9	27	15	38	46				54	8	38	42	8	50
Sir Charles Tupper School	63	31	32	2	67	32	3	74	23		59	41				6	21	73	10	29	61	3	13	84				19	5	76	11	3	86
Smokey Drive Elementary School	41	20	21	5	68	27	5	65	30	5	71	24				10	49	41	5	65	30	14	33	52				39	7	54	27	7	66
South Woodside School	19	4	15	21	79		50	50		13	87					26	53	21	50	50		20	53	27				53	11	37	42	21	37
Southdale-North Woodside School	54	26	28	13	78	9	8	85	8	18	71	11				17	44	39	23	54	23	11	36	54				39	11	50	31	11	57
Springvale School	23	13	10	4	74	22	8	77	15		70	30				22	26	52	38	23	38		30	70				26	13	61	30	4	65
St. Catherine's School	33	14	19	24	73	3	36	64		16	79	5	15	77	8	33	39	27	50	36	14	21	42	37	23	46	31	48	6	45	55	6	39
St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay School	32	16	16	19	66	16	19	63	19	19	69	13		67	33	28	38	34	38	44	19	19	31	50	8	42	50	47	6	47	38	9	53
St. Margaret's Bay Elementary School	64	32	32	9	81	9	16	75	9	3	88	9				17	41	42	25	34	41	9	47	44				39	5	56	28	9	63
St. Patrick's-Alexandra School	14	6	8	36	64		50	50		25	75					36	36	29	50	17	33	25	50	25				43	14	43	50	7	43
St. Stephen's School	33	15	18	12	85	3	20	80		6	89	6				21	42	36	20	60	20	22	28	50				36	9	55	45	12	42
Sunnyside Elementary School	67	40	27	4	63	33	5	68	28	4	56	41				9	30	61	13	40	48	4	15	81				27	1	72	18	4	78
Sycamore Lane Elementary School	51	24	27	8	86	6	13	75	13	4	96					12	37	51	13	50	38	11	26	63				25	6	69	33	4	63
Tantallon Elementary School	60	31	29		85	15		87	13		83	17				13	40	47	19	42	39	7	38	55				30	5	65	28	8	63
Upper Musquodoboit Consolidated School	11	6	5	9	82	9		83	17	20	80					18	55	27		83	17	40	20	40				27	9	64	55	9	36
Waverley Memorial-L.C. Skerry School	50	23	27	6	82	12	4	87	9	7	78	15				18	34	48	26	43	30	11	26	63				30	10	60	30	14	56
Westmount School	41	23	18	2	83	15		87	13	6	78	17				17	41	41	17	48	35	17	33	50				46	5	49	29	5	66
William King Elementary School	40	23	17	5	88	8	4	91	4	6	82	12				20	43	38	30	43	26	6	41	53				40	10	50	35	15	50

Supporting Students

Providing individual and school-by-school results is part of the province's Learning for Life plan. The results give parents, teachers, school boards and the Department of Education information to support all students, especially those who are struggling with reading and/or writing.

Parents and guardians are getting their own children's results. Schools are contacting parents of students who did not meet expectations to discuss the results and ways to support these students. The support will continue in junior high and for as long as it is needed.

As well, each school has its own students' results, which will help teachers, principals, parents and guardians, and others with plans for improving their schools. All partners will have results each year to measure progress and the impact of decisions designed to improve students' literacy skills.

The department will continue to work with its partners to help all students in Nova Scotia learn and grow to their full potential.

For more information about the Elementary Literacy Assessment visit our website at <**plans.EDnet.ns.ca**>.